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Miscellaneous.

POPULATION OF THE COUNTRY.

The following table indicates the population of the different states—1st column to No. 17 in the order of population in 1790, commencing at the highest, and the remainder in the same order, though at different dates. The second column for 1870 gives the thirty-seven states in regular order all the way through. Virginia led off at first and New-York was fifth in rank; now New-York is first and Virginia is tenth. Pennsylvania began at No. 2, and continues in that position. Ohio is numbered 23 in first column—now it stands No. 3. North-Carolina was No. 3, now it is 14th, Massachusetts began 4th in order, now is No. 7. The growing states are in the west. Ohio will have to look out for Illinois as rapidly as winning the next decade will show a tight race.

1790 1870

1. Virginia, 747,600 2. N. York, 1,892,759

2. Penna., 434,373 3. Penn., 2,171,911

3. N. Carolina, 378,581 4. Ohio, 1,536,910

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5. New-York, 407,000 6. Miss., 1,138,910

6. Maryland, 310,723 7. Indiana, 1,138,910

7. Cal., 189,000 8. N. Carolina, 1,138,910

8. Conn., 237,900 9. Kentucky, 1,138,910

9. New-Jersey, 181,811 10. Tennessee, 1,138,910

10. N. Hamp., 110,835 11. Virginia, 1,138,910

11. Maine, 96,300 12. Iowa, 1,138,910

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and I have tried to school myself the thought; but my poor heart not bear it."

"Do not give up, Susan," softly urged the old man, laying his hand upon her arm. "It makes but little difference to us now. We have not long to remain on earth, and let us not wear out our last days in useless repinings. Come, come."

"But when—when—shall we go?"

"Now—to-day."

"Then God have mercy on us!"

"He will," murmured Jacob.

That old couple sat for a while in silence. When they were aroused from their painful thoughts it was by the stopping of a wagon in front of the door. A man entered the room where they sat. He was the keeper of the poor house.

"Come, Mr. Manfred," he said, "the select men have managed to crowd you into the poor-house. The wagon is at the door, and you can get ready as soon as possible."

Jacob Manfred had not calculated the strength he should need for this order. There was a coldness in the very tone and manner of the man who had come for him that went like an ice bolt to his heart, and with a deep groan he sank back in his seat.

"Come, be in a hurry," impatiently urged the keeper.

At that moment a heavy covered carryall drove up to the door.

"Is this the house of Jacob Manfred?"

This question was asked by a man who entered from the carryall. He was a kind looking man, about forty years of age.

"That's my name," said Jacob.

"Then they told me truly," uttered the new comer. "Are you from the almshouse?" he continued, turning toward the keeper.

"Yes."

"And you are after these people?"

"Yes."

"Then you may return. Jacob Manfred goes to no poorhouse while I live."

The keeper gazed inquisitively into the features of the stranger, and left the house.

"Don't you remember me?" exclaimed the new comer, grasping the old man by the hand.

"I cannot call you to my memory now."

"Do you remember Lucius Williams?"

"Williams?" repeated Jacob, starting up and gazing earnestly into the stranger's face.

"Yes, Jacob Manfred—Lucius Williams. That little boy whom thirty years ago, you saved from the house of correction; that poor boy whom you kindly took from the bonds of the law, and placed on board one of your vessels."

In recording the extremely cold weather of last Wednesday, the 29th ult, the papers give the temperature of many places. Here the mercury ranged from 25 to 32 below zero, depending on locality, while at some places not far off the same authority indicated from 30 to 40 degrees of coldness. Thursday night was not quite so cold, but more fatal to house plants, and caused harder freezing in consequence of everything being chilled the night and day previous—at least that is the theory. No wind was stirring at these cold seasons, or the severity would have been greater. We are satisfied here that Doreas can give us something worth talking about if he tries, for that venerable institution, the oldest inhabitant, gives it up, and says he never saw it so cold before—and we may set that down as true.

UNFORTUNATE MEN. The present seems to be an era of misfortune to distinguished men. Without going across the seas—and they abound there, too—we have a superabundance of them at home: and for months their names have become familiar to all intelligent newspaper readers. What is called the congress scandal, involving members, at least by implication, in railroad speculations, has been an almost inexhaustible mine of gossip for many of the daily papers; and some of them seem to rejoice in the idea or the hope that these things can be proved, and that to the detriment of those against whom they are charged. It may be a source of satisfaction to such labor to humiliate and disgrace men, whose lives have always been regarded as standards of morality, uprightness and honesty; and try to make them out thieves, gamblers, perjurers and all that. But to the truly good of heart, to those who sympathize with all that is noble and elevating, and who try to have faith in humans, all such doings are sources of sorrow, and they will not hasten to condemn, on suspicious evidence at best, men who have won the affections of the American people, and never fully betrayed their confidence. What may ultimately be proved against the accused, and who they may chance to be that have really sinned away their good names, are questions not to be settled in the heat of political excitement, on charges gotten up by men not above suspicion as to their own characters, with the idea of hurling to ignominious oblivion those whom they may hate because of their acknowledged virtues; but time, the tester of all things, will finally adjust these matters.

Senators and representatives in congress, men to whom the country has been accustomed to look, are now freely charged with unlawful speculation in railroad stocks—a sort of gambling—and thus aiding to defraud the government of thousands and millions of dollars. These are grave charges, and although they may at present have a seeming foundation or plausibility, it remains to be proved beyond the contingency of a doubt that they are so. In law, we have somewhere understood it is the intention that constitutes the crime. Suppose all who are thus charged, have taken railroad stocks, who can prove that they dealt in them purposely to defraud the government? Charity and hate are opposites. The first will not accuse men wrongfully—the latter seeks all pretexts for doing so. Is it the love of justice that actuates these accusers? Then let their class of right be tempered with charity rather than malice. Because a cloud of suspicion rests upon such men as Folger, Crone, Oberlin and Warwick, shall we jump to the conclusion that they are inherently rascals? If they have purposely done wrong let them suffer, but prove it before final condemnation. If guilty let us rather lament over their misdeeds—for such we may justly regard them—rather than exult in their fall.

If for unfortunate acts a man must be condemned, what terrible charges stand against Mr. Sumner, one of the best men of age? It has become pretty evident that, in consequence of the numerous attacks on him by Brooks some seven or eight years ago, Mr. S's mind is seriously impaired, and for that reason he has done some very singular acts. Nor is his case isolated. The late Mr. Greeley was still more unfortunate in that direction. His last will is contested on the ground that he was not of sound mind when this will was made last November. Last week witnesses, among whom were his most intimate friends, testified before the surrogate of Westchester county, that as far back as last September Mr. Greeley's mind was seriously impaired. It was said that terrible

reality. None can refer to the fact without lamenting the catastrophe. At the November election more than two millions men voted for Mr. G. for president, and shall we chide them all with being fools or simpletons, and the deceased with wicked rascality because of these things? Humanity revolts at the idea. As these are historical facts, a considerate world will throw overboard the broad mantle of charity—and it may be compelled to do the same in regard to the accused railroad speculators.

Nor need we stop here. As a rule we may set down that class who are so persistent in clamoring charges of roguery against these accused congressmen, as rigidly orthodox in their religious views—and it is their privilege to be so. Suppose we apply a few tests of morality to some of the men whom they venerate as among the great examples of goodness, where would they come out? Old father Abraham is represented as a great man in his day, but according to the standard rules of Christian or modern morality he was a bigamist. Joshua was a successful slayer of his enemies, and in violation of all codes of honorable warfare, indiscriminately slew men, women and children, because he had the power to do so. David and Solomon are held up as high standards of goodness and wisdom, and if we may believe Bible history their households were greatly made up of harems of concubines. Infidels will say they were noted examples of lechery, even exceeding Brigham Young in this particular. Shall we, therefore, condemn these men as monsters of iniquity?

As at the beginning of this article we characterized the charges—at least many of them—against our prominent men as misfortunes, and so we may regard them substantially. Passion and prejudice are not to finally adjust these questions—time will tell whether these men are frauds, perjured villains, thieves and all that is evil. Till then let us withhold final judgment. As we judge others, so may we expect to be judged.

The accused may be more unfortunate than wicked. In conclusion, we may cite a case right at home. Last fall Richard Brown, liberal candidate for congress in this district, was charged hundreds of times with trying to buy his way into congress—that he spent or proposed to spend \$25,000 for that purpose. To his accusers many circumstances seemed to warrant such charges, but who of them, if brought in a court of justice can prove these true? We would not justify Mr. B. in even trying to do what he was charged with, if there is evidence at all of his guilt—but in law he is held innocent until proven guilty. May not others have the advantage of this position as well as Mr. B?

The next term of common pleas court will commence on Monday, the 10th inst. Grand jurors are as follow: Daniel Lickman, Pike; Jacob Bowman, Canton; David Myers, Paris; Eli Bowers, Sandy; Samuel Callier, Tuscarawas; John McCammon; Nimschillen; Joseph Webb, Washington; Andrew Pontius, Plain; David Conrad, Jackson; Christ Eselman, Lawrence; Henry Beatty, Levi Stamp, Perry; Francis Carr, Michael Miller, Conrad Spielman, Marlboro; Petit jury—Henry Buckman, Pike; Joseph Kirk, Jr., Lawrence; M. M. Mays, Sandy; Alpheus Hamilton, Marlboro; Daniel Munsey, Perry; Israel Dwyer, Nimschillen; Jeremiah Hess, Christian Schmeider, Jonas Braun, George Jackson, Morris Pennock, Joshua L. Jacob Shaffer, Lexington.

In the last Wednesday's Cincinnati Commercial is a suggestion by the editor, deserving the attention of all. The writer very correctly states that the useful class of men known as physicians, as a general rule, are familiar with many of the mysteries of the human system; and as it is their business to look to the health of their patients, they should be well posted on the laws of health. Beside their regular practice, this writer suggests that these professional men—and women too—should be teachers as well as practitioners. In order to do this there should be harmony in the profession, and such as are qualified for the work should gather their neighbors together in rooms which should be free for that purpose, say one evening each week, and there in a plain, familiar manner talk of health, its advantages, how to preserve this blessing—so that the people may become enlightened in this great question how not to be sick. We have several medical gentlemen in town who are fully competent to add much to their usefulness by adopting the suggestion here proposed. Who will begin this work? It will not injure but tend to build up the profession, and render its services still greater blessings.

There is one thing about these ministers strikes that looks wrong to outsiders, and it is this: It is charged that when a strike takes place, the men who have the work will do nothing themselves, nor will they permit

others to take their places. This is a poor Frenchman at this point called for an interpreter, saying: "If you let me say him in French, you get the truth quick."

THE LAST POLAR WAVE. The late cold wave, recently forewarned by the Herald, appears to have brought both the lowest temperature and the most violent changes of temperature experienced this winter. The various telegrams from all parts of the country this side of the great plains indicate vicissitudes which are calculated to shock the human frame and prepare it for debilitation for the prey of our worst winter diseases. It is a well known fact that the increase of cold, even when regular and gradual, is followed by a rapid increase of the death rate. But the weather through which we are passing must be a more trying ordeal to infirm and overworked humanity than the intense but unvarying cold of an Icelandic winter. We expect that Captain Hall and his Arctic explorers have really suffered not more from the steady rigor of the circumpolar regions than have the people of the United States, who recently, in some localities this week, have had the thermometer twenty or thirty degrees below zero, and have seen it suddenly rise as much as from twenty-five to thirty-five degrees in twelve hours. Fortunately we do not hear of any of those high winds which make such a cold snap more than doubly deadly. It is these wintry blasts, doubtless in reserve for us when March begins, which reap the largest harvest of death. The above facts may justly warn our railroad authorities against the perils of brittle rails to be expected by travelers after such excessive thermometric changes. They may also warn all classes against trusting the smiling and treacherous weather of February, which will no doubt soon appear. When the period of these fierce extremes will be over?

Woman suffrage has gained unexpected strength in the Pennsylvania constitution convention and the right of women to vote will probably be submitted as a separate proposition to be decided by direct vote of the people. It is even believed that the women of the state will be invited to vote upon it, so that their sentiments may be learned. The proposition is that there be separate ballot boxes for the two sexes, and if the amendment is endorsed by a majority of both, it will become part of the constitution.

DIED. On the 29th ult, at his residence in this city, Joseph JACOBSON, aged 68 years. He was one of the old citizens here, and led an active, industrious, useful life. The funeral took place on Saturday, and was attended by members of Sippo Lodge, I. O. O. F., of which order he was a member, and many other of our citizens.

On 20th ult, at the residence of her brother-in-law, H. Richardson, near this city Mrs. MARIONA ROBINSON, aged 32 years, 8 months and 15 days.

We miss her here. From the earthstone lone A beam of light Has forever gone: A smile has passed From our longing sight, Like a beautiful star In the cloud at night. Yet cease to mourn For the smile we miss Is beaming even now In the vale of bliss. C. M. R.

On the 30th ult, ANNE, daughter of Frank and Christine Willenborg, of this city, aged 6 years and 4 months.

On the 3d inst. Mrs. FRANCES WILLIAMS, of this place, many years a respected member of society, aged 55 years, 5 months and 5 days. Mrs. W. was widow of the late Eli Williams, who died many years ago. The funeral takes place to-morrow the 6th inst, at 2 o'clock p. m.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS. Wednesday evening, Jan. 29, 1872. The Council met in regular session, and was called to order by the President pro tem.

Members present: Messrs. Crone, Folger, Gise, Oberlin and Warwick. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Mr. Gise, from the Committee on Streets and Alleys, to whom was referred the bill of S. Stutz, reported that Mr. Stutz is absent from the city, and in consequence the Committee are unable to report. On motion the bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Gise, from the Committee on Gas, reported, that having conferred with Lawrence Royer on the subject of a salary for taking charge of the lamp lighting on the streets and public grounds of the city, for the year ending Jan. 25, 1874, he had made a contract with said Royer, to do all of said work, and take charge of the Fire Department, and said that the same is kept in order for the sum of four hundred dollars, which report was agreed to, and said contract ratified by the Council.

Mr. Folger, from the Select Committee, to whom was referred the subject of furnishing the room in the City Prison building for an office for the Mayor, and a place of meeting for the city council, submitted a written report, and several proposals for furniture for said room, whereupon Mr. Oberlin offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the report of the select committee, on the subject of furnishing the council chamber, be adopted; and that said committee be instructed to contract with Mitchell & Rannelsberg furniture company Cincinnati, for the desks and chairs, and with the Akron Wrought Iron Fence company for such railing as may be necessary for said chamber.

The street commissioner submitted a report of work done in the third and fourth wards of this city by Jacob Brahm during the months of April and May, 1872, to the amount of \$51.75. The report was accepted and amount placed to the credit of Mr. Hews.

The following amounts were allowed and orders drawn for the same.

Lawn mowing, lighting street lamps, taking care of the fire engine, horse, &c. A. Conrad, merchandise 22.00
A. Peace, on Salary 150.00
Geo. Snyder, per order J. Hews 25.25
On motion the council adjourned.

At a recent trial for liquor selling in Connecticut, a French witness said: "that the first time he went for liquor he sent another fellow." The interrogating lawyer asked: "That time you went alone who was with you?" The

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THE LAST POLAR WAVE. The late cold wave, recently forewarned by the Herald, appears to have brought both the lowest temperature and the most violent changes of temperature experienced this winter. The various telegrams from all parts of the country this side of the great plains indicate vicissitudes which are calculated to shock the human frame and prepare it for debilitation for the prey of our worst winter diseases. It is a well known fact that the increase of cold, even when regular and gradual, is followed by a rapid increase of the death rate. But the weather through which we are passing must be a more trying ordeal to infirm and overworked humanity than the intense but unvarying cold of an Icelandic winter. We expect that Captain Hall and his Arctic explorers have really suffered not more from the steady rigor of the circumpolar regions than have the people of the United States, who recently, in some localities this week, have had the thermometer twenty or thirty degrees below zero, and have seen it suddenly rise as much as from twenty-five to thirty-five degrees in twelve hours. Fortunately we do not hear of any of those high winds which make such a cold snap more than doubly deadly. It is these wintry blasts, doubtless in reserve for us when March begins, which reap the largest harvest of death. The above facts may justly warn our railroad authorities against the perils of brittle rails to be expected by travelers after such excessive thermometric changes. They may also warn all classes against trusting the smiling and treacherous weather of February, which will no doubt soon appear. When the period of these fierce extremes will be over?

Woman suffrage has gained unexpected strength in the Pennsylvania constitution convention and the right of women to vote will probably be submitted as a separate proposition to be decided by direct vote of the people. It is even believed that the women of the state will be invited to vote upon it, so that their sentiments may be learned. The proposition is that there be separate ballot boxes for the two sexes, and if the amendment is endorsed by a majority of both, it will become part of the constitution.

DIED. On the 29th ult, at his residence in this city, Joseph JACOBSON, aged 68 years. He was one of the old citizens here, and led an active, industrious, useful life. The funeral took place on Saturday, and was attended by members of Sippo Lodge, I. O. O. F., of which order he was a member, and many other of our citizens.

On 20th ult, at the residence of her brother-in-law, H. Richardson, near this city Mrs. MARIONA ROBINSON, aged 32 years, 8 months and 15 days.

We miss her here. From the earthstone lone A beam of light Has forever gone: A smile has passed From our longing sight, Like a beautiful star In the cloud at night. Yet cease to mourn For the smile we miss Is beaming even now In the vale of bliss. C. M. R.

On the 30th ult, ANNE, daughter of Frank and Christine Willenborg, of this city, aged 6 years and 4 months.

On the 3d inst. Mrs. FRANCES WILLIAMS, of this place, many years a respected member of society, aged 55 years, 5 months and 5 days. Mrs. W. was widow of the late Eli Williams, who died many years ago. The funeral takes place to-morrow the 6th inst, at 2 o'clock p. m.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS. Wednesday evening, Jan. 29, 1872. The Council met in regular session, and was called to order by the President pro tem.

Members present: Messrs. Crone, Folger, Gise, Oberlin and Warwick. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Mr. Gise, from the Committee on Streets and Alleys, to whom was referred the bill of S. Stutz, reported that Mr. Stutz is absent from the city, and in consequence the Committee are unable to report. On motion the bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Gise, from the Committee on Gas, reported, that having conferred with Lawrence Royer on the subject of a salary for taking charge of the lamp lighting on the streets and public grounds of the city, for the year ending Jan. 25, 1874, he had made a contract with said Royer, to do all of said work, and take charge of the Fire Department, and said that the same is kept in order for the sum of four hundred dollars, which report was agreed to, and said contract ratified by the Council.

Mr. Folger, from the Select Committee, to whom was referred the subject of furnishing the room in the City Prison building for an office for the Mayor, and a place of meeting for the city council, submitted a written report, and several proposals for furniture for said room, whereupon Mr. Oberlin offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the report of the select committee, on the subject of furnishing the council chamber, be adopted; and that said committee be instructed to contract with Mitchell & Rannelsberg furniture company Cincinnati, for the desks and chairs, and with the Akron Wrought Iron Fence company for such railing as may be necessary for said chamber.

The street commissioner submitted a report of work done in the third and fourth wards of this city by Jacob Brahm during the months of April and May, 1872, to the amount of \$51.75. The report was accepted and amount placed to the credit of Mr. Hews.

The following amounts were allowed and orders drawn for the same.

Lawn mowing, lighting street lamps, taking care of the fire engine, horse, &c. A. Conrad, merchandise 22.00
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